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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SOVIET POSITION ON UNTAG FINANCING

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON BJOERNAR UTHEIM, MFA DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS UNTAG FINANCING AND THE SOVIET POSITION THEREON. DRAWING ON STATE 192354, EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT BASIC UNTAG RESOLUTION COULD ESTABLISH A

VERY UNDESIRABLE PRECEDENT FOR CASES THAT WERE MUCH LESS
CLEAR CUT THAN NAMIBIA; BUT THAT SOVIET SENSITIVITY
TO AFRICAN PRESSURES COULD PERHAPS BRING MOSCOW AROUND.

2. THEIM AGREED WITH BOTH POINTS AND SAID THAT THE
GON HAD ALREADY PLANNED TO RAISE UNTAG FINANCING PROBLEM AT
THE NORDIC MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE DIRECTORS
MEETING AUGUST 17 AND 18 IN COPENHAGEN. HE WOULD NOW
FURTHER SUGGEST, HE SAID, THAT THE SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS
MAKE SOME SORT OF CONCERTED EFFORT WITH THE SOVIETS
PERHAPS UTILIZING CONTACTS WITH CERTAIN AFRICAN GROUPS.
UTHEIM CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY PESSIMISTIC
ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR GAINING SOVIET SUPPORT OF THE NAMIBIA
OPERATION.

3. TURNING TO NORWAY'S AS YET UNOFFICIAL NOMINEES FOR
POSITIONS ON COMMISSIONER AHTSAARI'S STAFF (SEE OSLO EUPYLN
UTHEIM SAID THEY HAD HEARD NOTHING FURTHER AND REALLY DID
NOT EXPECT TO UNTIL AHTSAARI RETURNED. HE SAID HE HOPED
FOR USG SUPPORT FOR THE GON'S CANDIDATES WHEN THE TIME
ARRIVED. EMBOFF AGREED THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO DISCUSS
THE SUBJECT.

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